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FROM JORDAM

1. FIRST PUBLIC PRONOUNCEMENT BY RANKING GOI OFFICIAL ON TWO FEDAYEEN GROUPS WHICH CROSSED INTO WEST BANK FROM JORDAN DURING PAST WEEK APPEARED AUG 30 IN PRESS INTERVIEW (MAARIV) WITH MINISTER OF POLICE AND INTERIOR HILLEL. IN COURSE OF DISCUSSING NUMBER OF SUBJECTS, HILLEL SAID FOLLOWING RE RECENT INFILTRATIONS.

2. HILLEL: WE STILL HAVE NO COMPLETE REPORTS ON THIS SUBJECT WHICH WE REGARD AS MOST IMPORTANT. I AM INCLINED TO ASSUME FOLLOWING: I DON'T KNOW IF KING HUSSEIN HIMSELF APPROVED INFILTRATION THROUGH JORDANIAN TERRITORY, OR GOVERNMENT GAVE ITS APPROVAL. BUT IF TOP POLITICAL AND MILITARY LEVELS IN JORDAN DID NOT KNOW ABOUT IT--VARIOUS SECURITY LEVELS, NOT CONFIDENTIAL

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NECESSARILY UNIMPORTANT, SUPPORTED THE CROSSING THROUGH JORDANIAN

TERRITORY AND ENCOURAGED THE TERRORISTS. AFTER YEARS OF PEACE ON BORDER WITH JORDAN AND PREVENTION OF INFILTRATION BY JORDANIAN AUTHORITIES, THIS IS VERY GRAVE DEVELOPMENT. QUESTION: DO YOU REGARD THIS DEVELOPMENT AS ONE-TIME AFFAIR? HILLEL: NO. I FEAR THAT IF BASIC ASSUMPTION IS CORRECT--THAT THE INFILTRATION WAS ENCOURAGED BY JORDANIAN SECURITY ELEMENTS OR AT LEAST CARRIED OUT WITH THEIR ACQUIESCENCE--THEN IT IS NOT A ONE-TIME INFILTRATION AND WE SHALL HAVE TO ENCOUNTER MORE. ANOTHER GRAVE MATTER: THE GROUPS LEFT FROM SYRIA AND THIS CONSTITUTES VIOLATION OF SYRIAN PROMISE TO PREVENT INFILTRATIONS TO ISRAEL. ALTHOUGH IT WAS NOT INCLUDED IN SEPARATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN SYRIA AND ISRAEL, IT WAS GIVEN AS SYRIAN PROMISE TO AMERICAN.

3. HILLEL STATEMENTS REFLECT LINE THAT MOST PRESS COMMENTATORS HAVE BEEN TAKING RE JORDANIAN INVOLVEMENT, WHICH BOILS DOWN TO " WE HOPE NOT, BUT IF SO IT MARKS A CHANGE AND A VERY BAD ONE." SOME DOVISH WRITERS HAVE ACCEPTED PROBABILITY OF OFFICIAL GOJ ASSISTANCE TO FEDAYEEN AND HAVE CONCLUDED IT IS, IN WORDS OF AL-HAMISHMAR (SHAPIRO), " PRESUMABLY A REACTION TO ISRAEL'S REFUSAL TO PROBE THE DIPLOMATIC OPTION HE (HUSSEIN) WAS HELD OUT IN RECENT CONTACTS." WIDELY-READ HARIF IN AUG 30 MAARIV WONDERS IF HUSSEIN IS SENDING SIGNALS THAT WITHOUT SETTLEMENT HE IS WILLING AND ABLE TO HEAT UP BORDER.

4. AMONG JOURNALISTS, HARDEST LINE HAS BEEN TAKEN BY URI DAN. DAN IS CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND OF ARIK SHARON AND CAN BE CONSIDERED MOUTHPICE FOR SHARON FACTION WITHIN LIKUD. WRITING IN MAARIV, DAN BEGINS WITH ASSUMPTION THAT JORDANIAN AUTHORITIES, INCLUDING ARMY UNITS, ARE AIDING TERRORISTS, MOVEMENTS AND CONCLUDES WITH RHETORICAL QUESTION WHICH SUPPORTS LIKUD POSITION ON WEST BANK NEGOTIATIONS: " HOW RELIABLE A PARTNER IS HUSSEIN FOR A WEST BANK NEGOTIATIONS: " HOW RELIABLE A PARTNER IS HUSSEIN FOR A WEST BANK AGREEMENT OR A LONG-TERM ACCORD?"

5. IN CONVERSATION WITH DATT, DIRECTOR OF MILITARY INTELLIGENCE MAJ GEN SHLOMO GAZIT REVEALED THAT SECOND GROUP OF FOUR TERRORISTS HAD REMAINED IN JORDAN THREE OR FOUR WEEKS, INDICATING EITHER JORDANIAN SECURITY VERY BAD OR GOJ LOOKING OTHER WAY. GAZIT EXPRESSED OPINION IT WOULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE FOR JORDAN TO ALLOW SUCH INFILTRATIONS TO CONTINUE SINCE THIS WOULD ONLY

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INCREASE ISRAELI RELUCTANCE TO WITHDRAW.

6. COMMENT: DESPITE WIDE RANGE OF OPINIONS ON WHETHER OR NOT GOJ IS ASSISTING FEDAYEEN MANY OBSERVERS ARE AS CONCERNED WITH EFFECT ON NEGOTIATIONS AS WITH FACT OF INCURSIONS THEMSELVES. IF INFILTRATIONS CONTINUE, THEY ARE LIKELY REDUCE RABIN'S MANEUVERABILITY ON WEST BANK ISSUE.

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